

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

-- In the illustrated embodiment, tape measure 22 has a belt clip 30 having a downwardly facing hook 32, and the body of tape measure 22 includes a button 34 that is received within a pocket 36 defined by belt clip 30 for removably engaging the body of tape measure 22 with belt clip 30. Belt clip 30 includes a lever 38 having an arcuate engagement member 40, and button 34 includes a groove that faces lever 38 and is configured to receive engagement member 40 so as to releasably engage the body of tape measure 22 with belt clip 30. The groove in button 34 is circular, such that tape measure 22 can be rotated a full 360° relative to belt clip 30. Details of the construction and operation of tape measure 22 and belt clip 30 are disclosed in copending application serial number _____10/626,606 filed _____, July 25, 2003 and PCT application number PCT/GB02/03547 filed August 1, 2002, the disclosures of which ~~is~~ are hereby incorporated by reference. --